PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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PREFORM INLET ARRANGEMENT FOR AN OPTICAL FIBER DRAWING For:

FURNACE, A FURNACE PROVIDED WITH THAT KIND OF INLET

ARRANGEMENT, AND A PREFORM EQUIPPED TO CO-OPERATE WITH THAT

INLET ARRANGEMENT

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of two months, extending the time for responding to the Office Action of September 25, 2002 to February 25, 2003.

A check for the statutory fee of \$410.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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